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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Docket No.:

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination upon the merits, kindly amend as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 and add the following claims:

79. A protein comprising an antigen-binding portion formed by two cooperating peptide sequences of Fig. 3A and Fig. 3B or comprising an altered antigen-binding portion where at least one of the peptide sequences is an altered sequence, being a sequence of one or both of Fig. 3A and 3B in which one or more of an amino acid residue has been added, deleted or replaced by another amino acid residue, with the altered antigen-binding portion retaining substantially the same antigen-binding specificity as said antigen-binding portion.

